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1. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JULY 25 AT THE END OF THE EIGHT-DAY VISIT TO INDIA BY LIBYAN VICE PRESIDENT JALUD CONTAINED THE USUAL EXPRESSIONS OF COMMON GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS, SIMILARITY OF VIEWS ON WORLD ISSUES AND JOINT DETERMINATION TO ENHANCE BILATERAL COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS.

2. ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, INDIA AND LIBYA AGREED THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF "THEIR LEGITIMATE AND INALIENABLE NATIONAL RIGHTS FOR A HOMELAND, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION."

(B) EXPRESSED "GRAVE ANXIETY" OVER AREAS OF TENSION IN AFRICA AND AGREED THAT SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEMS MUST BE FOUND BY AFRICANS THEMSELVES WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE;

(C) CHARACTERIZED THE NON ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS A GREAT MORAL AND POLITICAL FORCE AGAINST THE EVILS OF "COLONIALISM, ALIEN DOMINATION AND APARTHEID";

(D) SUPPORTED GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS AND THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT COMMISSION; AND

(E) AGREED THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE A ZONE OF PEACE FROM WHICH GREAT POWER RIVALRIES AND MILITARY BASES ARE EXCLUDED.

3. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, "THE LIBYAN SIDE EXPRESSED ITS SINCERE CONVICTION THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN SHOULD BE CONVERTED INTO A ZONE OF PEACE. THE INDIAN SIDE SUPPORTED THIS CONCEPT."

4. THE COMMUNIQUE REVIEWED THE AREAS OF JOINT INDO-LIBYAN COOPERATION, NOTED THAT A PROTOCOL ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND A TRADE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED DURING JALUD'S VISIT, AND ADDED THAT A JOINT CULTURAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED SHORTLY. IN ADDITION IT STATED THAT A JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON THE CREATION OF AN INDO-LIBYAN ELECTRICITY COMPANY.

5. THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED TO EXCHANGE TECHNOLOGY IN DIFFERENT FIELDS FOR MUTUAL

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BENEFIT AND THAT INDIA AGREED TO PROVIDE TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR LIBYAS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN THE COMMUNIQUE TO AN AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION HAVING BEEN SIGNED OR TO TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AS SUCH (PARA ONE REFTEL). WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION. GOHEEN

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